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Attention: Mr. Don I. Craven, P.E., Partner

Dear Mr. Craven:

I must apologize for my belated response to your letter of 3/27/74 relative to the proposed landfill site located at the southeast corner of Trabue Road and McKinley Avenue.

I had anticipated news from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency relative to the outcome of proposed investigatory and laboratory work discussed at the meeting of 3/6/74 to which your letter refers. Since I have not yet heard any new information regarding this site, I felt I should respond, though late.

This department acknowledges that this proposed landfill site is under discussion between the M.C.Q. organization, the municipalities represented at the March meeting, your firm and the Ohio E.P.A.

The Health Department is not specifically involved in landfill inspection and licensing at this time. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Columbus City Codes dealing with licensing haulers and inspecting and licensing landfills. I do not know whether this code has been rescinded but I do not believe the Columbus Service Department is involved in it's enforcement at present. Richard Jackson, Service Director, City Hall should be able to clarify this.

Health Regulations dealing with general nuisances related to dumping or landfill areas are continuing to be enforced by this department. Those complaints related to licensed landfills are brought to the attention of the Ohio E.P.A. and we generally work "hand in hand" with them. It would be safe to say that this Department would take a stand with the Ohio E.P.A. in the event that a solid waste dumping site not approved, licensed or inspected by the Ohio E.P.A. were found to be operating. We are presently involved in potential litigation involving several such sites. (Note the sections marked on the enclosed "Miscellaneous Health Hazard Regulation").

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I hope that information relative to the potential land-fill site in question will be forthcoming soon or that some other alternatives will be worked out. I share the belief with some that strategically placed transfer stations and pulverizers such as those proposed by the City of Columbus are a definite step in the right direction. I also believe that more strenuous efforts should be made to bring Columbus into serious discussion with other communities in Franklin County or even with adjacent counties to consider a feasible area-wide Solid Waste program. Planning which will permit the inclusion of new options in Solid Waste separation, treatment, use, recycling and possible incineration must be initiated within a short time or such area planning will be forced into the hands of State or Federal Agencies, allowing little or no local input. This Department would welcome the opportunity to promote area wide planning.

My best regards,



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